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Hi Jeff:

Attached are pictures of flood waters that involve significant portions of the proposed plat taken during January of 2009. The first attached photograph ending 086 is at the Dry Creek connection at the downstream end of the proposed plat. The other two pictures are from Dry Creek Road at the upper end of the proposed plat. We are concerned that the proposed stream buffer fails to adequately consider the flood issue inherent to this location.

Both Reecer and Currier Creek are used by anadromous fish (coho salmon and mid-columbia steelhead). Significant effort and public funds have been invested in restoration work in the Reecer-Currier creek system. The proposed 100-ft stream buffer is less than needed based upon the best available science. Additional width is needed to provide for a riparian zone that will restore/maintain in-stream habitat for salmon and trout and provide adequate floodplain storage.

We are concerned that the county does not prevent the construction of levees in developments. The adjacent Currier Creek Estates project constructed a levee along the creek (which persists to this day and directs additional flood waters on the proposed plat). There is no assurance that the current proposal will not result in levees similarly constructed along the edge of the stream to prevent flooding of the residences that are proposed for areas known flooding.

Additional comments will follow from WDFW. We feel that the issues associated with this location are significant and a DS is warranted. Thank you.











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